

**LITTLE COMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
LITTLE COMPTON, RHODE ISLAND  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** December 2, 2015  
**Place:** 28 Commons  
School Commons Area,  
Little Compton, RI 02837

**Time: 6:00 p.m. OPEN SESSION (Held in School Commons Area)**

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| Thomas Alder   | Present |
| Lori Craffey   | Present |
| Patrick McHugh | Present |
| Peg Bugara     | Present |
| Polly Allen    | Present |
| K. Crowley     | Present |
| J. McNamee     | Present |
| C. Sedgwick    | Present |
| K. McAllister  | Present |

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| <b>I. Call to Order: Open Meeting</b>   | The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.  |
| <b>II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag</b>   | Pledge was taken, followed by a moment of silence.  |
| <b>III. Consider and Vote on Consent Agenda Items<sup>1*</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minutes, November 4, 2015 and November 18, 2015</li><li>• Bills and Payroll*</li><li>• Receive and file correspondence – included in packet*</li><li>• Information – included in packet*</li><li>• Home School Request (1 student; Grade 8)</li><li>• Agenda Requests (1)</li><li>• Maternity Leave Request</li><li>• Enrollment</li></ul> | <p>T. Alder made comment about footnote on the Agenda regarding Consent Agenda. He clarified that its intent is to allow any committee member to pull any item for separate consideration.</p> <p>P. Bugara would like letter from paper to be read at next meeting and will submit it.</p> |

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| <b>IV. Public Input (on Agenda Items)</b>  | <p>E. Kinnane would like the Consideration and vote on the By-laws Action Item to be held until the next meeting so that public can view them and participate. Committee responded that the By-Laws were read in entirety at previous meetings and all changes were voted upon.</p>  |
| <b>V. Spotlight on Excellence – NYC Trip by 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>   | <p>Representatives of 5<sup>th</sup> grade class reported on 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to New York City.</p>   |
| <b>VI. Superintendent Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RI Student Survey (R. Elwell)</li> <li>• Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Ecological Oasis on December 10, 2015</li> <li>• PARCC Test Results (Mr. Arruda)</li> </ul> | <p>R. Elwell introduced and explained the RI Student Survey (RISS), the evaluation piece for Partnership for Success Grant. It is requested that 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders complete it on-line. (Portsmouth is also using the tool as part of one of their grants.) The survey is scheduled to take place between Feb and April 2016. It is RIDE-approved. The DOE requires School Committee approval to administer the RISS. It is required that parents and guardians be informed and be allowed to provide passive consent. Anonymous. No tracking. If approved, survey will be administered every two years. P. McHugh asked about the survey team and their experience.</p> <p>Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ecological Oasis is December 10, 2015.</p> <p>Mr. Arruda reported on PARCC test results. Commissioner has acknowledged that teaching and learning has to be improved state-wide. Results may not be good baseline for testing. Commissioner is open to looking at whether PARCC is the right vehicle for testing in RI vs. MCAS2 used in Mass. PARCC will still be used this year. Looking at PARCC not being sole graduation criteria. Looking at alternatives such as college boards and AP classes. Last section should be received by this Friday. Then, the results will be sent to parents/guardians. Mr. Arruda discussed packets going home. Results presented are a baseline. He spoke of preparation done for test. Students were prepared. Explained correlation between NECAP and PARCC and how deficiencies will be communicated to teachers. Test was taken by grades 3-8. Mr. Arruda stepped through results in ELA and Math Grade by Grade. He is looking at makeup of classes and taking it into consideration in determining approach for PD and other strategies to improve. K. Crowley</p> |

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|  | <p>emphasized the need to look at specific student population when evaluating results.<br/> E Kinnane suggested that staffing cuts be looked at in terms of results.<br/> K. Crowley suggested Implementation testing dip may impact results.</p> <p>K. Crowley congratulated three students who made it into all-state chorus.</p>  |
| <b>VII. Finance Report: J. McNamee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance Report</li> </ul>  | J. McNamee presented Finance Report.   |
| <b>VIII. Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portsmouth School Committee - P. Allen</li> <li>Recreation Committee - P. McHugh</li> <li>Policy Committee - P. Bugara</li> </ul>  | <p>P. Allen gave Portsmouth School Committee report, including status of a flagpole and PD.</p> <p>P. McHugh provided Recreation Committee report. The path completed around school will be converted to asphalt next spring. Field is being stripped and drained. Tennis court work will be done in the spring.</p> <p>P. Bugara – Policy Committee report – By-laws to be discussed under Agenda Item X, Discussion Items.</p> |
| <b>IX. Personnel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider, discuss, and/or vote Filled Positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boys' Basketball Coach</li> <li>Girls' Basketball Coach</li> <li>Boys' Winter Track Coach</li> <li>Girls' Winter Track Coach</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | On a motion by P. McHugh, seconded by L. Craffey, the appointment of filled positions was unanimously approved.  |
| <b>X. Discussion Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Committee By-laws - third reading</li> <li>Naloxone Policy – second reading</li> <li>Resolution for Standardized Tests (P. Bugara)</li> </ul>   | <p>P. Bugara described process taken to add comments to By-laws and that committee has reviewed them without further comment.</p> <p>No changes were made to the Naloxone Policy since last month's reading.</p> <p>P. Bugara presented Resolution for Standardized</p>  |

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|  | Tests. Discussion followed. It will be put on next Agenda as Action Item.  |
| <b>XI. Action Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider and vote to approve School Committee By-Laws</li> <li>• Consider and vote to approve Naloxone Policy</li> <li>• Consider and vote to appoint Interim Superintendent</li> <li>• Consider and vote to approve administration of the RI Student Survey</li> <li>• Consider and vote to approve Maternity Leave request</li> </ul> | <p>On a motion by P. Bugara, seconded by L. Craffey, the school committee By-laws were unanimously accepted .</p> <p>On a motion by P. Bugara, seconded by P. McHugh, the Naloxone Policy was unanimously approved.</p> <p>On a motion by P. McHugh, seconded by P. Bugara, the appointment of R. Power as Interim Superintendent was unanimously approved subject to contract negotiations with HR Director and Legal Counsel. Via Roll call:<br/> T. Allder – Affirmative<br/> L. Craffey – Affirmative<br/> P. McHugh – Affirmative<br/> P. Bugara – Affirmative<br/> P. Allen – Affirmative</p> <p>On a motion by L. Craffey, seconded by P. McHugh the administration of the RI student Survey was unanimously approved.</p> <p>(The maternity leave request was unanimously approved with the consent agenda.)</p> |
| <b>XII. Public Input (non-agenda items)</b><br><b>Public input will be held to three minutes per individual.</b>   | <p>P. McHugh thanked K. Crowley for her support of several initiatives and wished her luck in her new endeavor.</p> <p>K. Beauchemin talked about behavior of school committee members and referenced the letter she submitted to the paper. School committee was unable to respond because the matter is a non-agenda item. Chair ruled the discussion is out of order for the meeting.</p> <p>J. Quinn requested further explanation from legal on public input and the committee's response.</p>  |
| <b>XIII. Adjourn</b>   | <p>After thanks to K. Crowley, on a motion by P. McHugh, seconded by L. Craffey, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm. Next scheduled meeting date is Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 7:00pm in the School Commons Area.</p>  |

